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The Honorable Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico
State Capitol, Room 400
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Governor Richardson,

As citizens of Lea County, New Mexico, we strongly urge you to continue your efforts to see that critical issues raised by the state regarding the uranium enrichment facility proposed to be built here by Louisiana Energy Services (LES) are thoroughly considered and addressed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

It is greatly troubling to us that a federal agency in Washington, D.C. would not allow the New Mexico Environmental Department or the state Attorney General's office to raise legitimate issues that could potentially and significantly impact our state, our community, as well as our own personal health and well being of our families.

Of particular concern is the issue of waste disposal. Currently, no facility exists or is planned in the United States that is licensed to accept and decommission the tons of radioactive toxic and corrosive waste this facility would generate over its 30 year life span. It is imperative to us that before this project be allowed to proceed, a specific, certain and fully funded plan be in place to ensure this waste is not stored long term in our state or in our community. We should expect as much from any business seeking to operate here.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sincerely,

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